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THE DESECRATION of VALLEY FORGE.

BY ALLEN EASTMAN CROSS.

Unless Congress steps in to purchase it, VALLEY FORGE is to become the site of a brewery. It is to be hoped that our law-makers may awake to the duty of preserving the spot as a National Park for future generations."—Newspaper Item

The places where our heroes trod
Are dear to liberty.
The conscious turf, the sacred soil,
Is the foundation of our God
For altars of the free.

If, then, each loyal battlefield
So grand a power may gain,
What deater spoils the gemi wield
O'er VALLEY FORGE, that once revealed
Such sacrifice of pain.

There once, unvanquished by the foe,
Our fathers dared to die;
And there, where famine to and fro
Stalked like a specter on the snow,
A camp of death did lie.

There is the fort that first was laid
By dauntless Washington,
And there the tree beneath which he prayed,
Mourning, when each fresh grave was made,
As for a valiant son.

Then, God forgive us, if we e'er
Such holy ground disdain,
Our land a common shame must bear,
If any faithless hand should dare
This Valley to profane.

It is asserted by a woman that she has had in daily or nightly use, a lamp chimney for the last eight years, and expects to use it for years to come. She boiled it in salt and water when new, and no flame going through it will break it. [If so, this may be worth knowing.]

A \$5 bill is said to have fallen into the hands of a person in Woodbury, with a memorandum on the back signed H. S. Franks, Rochester, N. Y., as follows— "The last of \$10,000, spent for rum." [It may be true.]

Irish Wit.—"Tim, are you married?" "I am not."
"Then it's a mighty good thing for your wife."

Historical Sketch of Haddonfield, by Judge John Clement, for sale at the office of the Basket; very interesting. Price 10 cts.

THE BOLD EVANGELIST.

The following article is copied from the "Christian Advocate," (Methodist,) New York, of a later date, and written by C. C. McCabe, agent of the Missionary Society of the Methodist E. Church.

"The Rev. C. H. Yatman is a Methodist evangelist—a man of ability, tact, and success. He is in the habit of closing every series of revival services by taking what he calls a missionary collection. He does without consulting the pastor—whose consent he might find it difficult to procure. He springs the collection upon the audience. He tells the people he can support missionaries in India for \$65 each. Some of his converts and friends have been known to give him \$65 each for this purpose. He does not tell the people whether these missionaries are natives or white men who live a whole year on \$65 each, or under whose auspices they are working in India. . . . The whole procedure is, in my judgment, misleading, and will be finally hurtful to the cause of Missions. It is a wrong to the Missionary Society, because it diverts funds which would otherwise come into our treasury. It is a wrong to the pastor, because it makes it almost impossible after the evangelist is gone to raise his regular apportionment for Missions.

"Methodist preachers who may employ evangelist Yatman are hereby made aware of what they may expect. Great complaint has been made to me on this subject. I wrote to Yatman, asking him to help the pastor in his regular work, or desist from this irregular method. He refuses to comply with the wishes of the Missionary office; therefore my only remedy is to make the matter public, so that we can all understand it."

[We introduce the above to say that the above-named "evangelist" is a man of consequence, and also to say that if Mr. McCabe should accidentally happen to drop into one of his meetings, he would stand a chance of being ordered out on account of his age. We had a little personal experience in this respect. Having but lately arrived on that extra religious ground, Ocean Grove, and, walking round, we heard some sweet singing in a large building, and looking in and seeing a number of empty benches, and not dreaming of exclusion from any religious meeting there, went in and took a back seat near the door. Directly another elderly person, supposed to be a stranger, and not aware of any exclusiveness, stepped in and took a seat; he was moved to make a little speech, encouraging the young people to persevere in the "good way." He was scarcely seated when this "evangelist" sprang to his feet, blurted out, "This is a young peoples' meeting; all the exercises are for and by young people, AND THE BENCHES ARE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE!" We arose and went out, of course, deeming such a speech not only ungentlemanly, unchristian, but a public insult, in the presence of a large congregation. We ever after carefully avoided any place where he held meetings, although we had the misfortune to hear him rant at the closing of one of the night public meetings. "In conclusion," we suggest that the proper age be fixed for persons admissible to this "evangelist's" meeting, and a man stationed at the door, and when any one approaches that looks suspiciously over the prescribed age, halt and question him or HER, and if above the figure, politely inform that they are too old for admission there. Perhaps they wouldn't have to turn away many women

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Borough Commissioners meet in the Town Hall on the 2nd Wednesday evening in each month. They are J. Morris Roberts, Chas. H. Hillman, Sam'l C. A. Clement, Sam'l C. Paris, W. J. Bonning, Com. of Appeal—John H. Lippincott, Geo. D. Stuart, Abel Hillman, Wm. J. Bonning, Pres.; Chas. H. Hillman, Treas. Public invited to come.

The Board of Managers of the Free Reading Room Associat'n meets every 3d Monday in each month. J. L. PENNYPACKER, Sec.

The Womens' Christian Temperance Union of this town meets every Tuesday afternoon in Wilkins' Hall, at 4 o'clock.

At the last meeting of the Board of Managers of the Free Reading Room Association, Miss Lida Tarr was appointed Librarian. J. D. Lynde resigned as Treasurer of the Association.

A Butterfly Jubilee will be held in the Jersey Building on September 4 and 5, for the benefit of the building fund of Grace Episcopal Church. Admission 10 cents. Admission and Supper 35 cents.

The Legislature of New Jersey passed a law at its last sitting virtually disenfranchising a large number of the best citizens of the State, unless they cast their votes for one or other of the two great dominant parties. By this law, it becomes necessary to have 200 signers to a petition, which must then be delivered the County Clerk, humbly asking to have the privilege of naming and voting for such men as they believe to be the most suitable for the offices to be filled. Where these 200 signatures cannot be obtained, good men are to be deprived of voting unless they vote the Republican or Democratic ticket. The object, we presume, was to head off the Temperance or Prohibition vote; but in the end, it will have a contrary effect; for many who have been wavering, will be so disgusted with such a detestable law, that they will waver no longer, and an impetus and activity will be given to temperance work and temperance workers in New Jersey heretofore unknown, unless the people are willing to become slaves, and vote as the political bosses dictate, or not at all. Are Jersey men ready for this? What addled brain hatched this law? Is it any better or worse than the one that caused the tea to be thrown overboard in Boston harbor?

It is an old but trite saying, that whom the gods intend to destroy, they first make blind, that is, to take away their judgment, deprive them of common sense.

Judge Clement has kindly consented to have one of these petitions at his office, where any one so disposed can call and sign it. An affidavit or affirmation has to be made that the signer is a proper person to vote. This is attended to by the Judge free of charge. He is a democrat, but, like all other fair and liberal-minded men, he utterly condemns such a despotic law. No Republican or Democrat has to submit to such humiliation. A goodly list of Haddonfield names on the paper, and the immortal "200" will be secured for the County.

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"MONEY FOR DE BREACHIN'."

We copy the following suggestive article from "The Union Signal," sent to us by a friend, with a view to have it appear in "The Basket."

It was election day. A minister of the gospel (?) and a German brewer met at the polls.

Brewer.—Vell, minister, I suppose you votes mit dem venatics, vot tinks peer vas awful boison.

Minister.—O, no. I guess not. I vote as you do.

Brewer.—Vot! I votes for peer and men who helps me in my peesiness. Let me see de dictet. Vell, now, ish not dat gude? You breach and bray all de dime against mine peesiness, but ven you gomes to vote, you vote shust like me and all de saloon mens. Does you know dat ven dem vinens vas round to get moneys, I vas shust so mat; I geifs no moneys to de man dat interfereers mit mine peesiness; but now I zees you did not mean anytings by de breachen and de brayen. You do it shust to blease dose vinens and fools vot say me shah make no more peer. Vell, shust as long as you votes right, you may breach and bray, cause dem dat drinks mine peer no hear you, and he drinks saust as much as as if you no breach. Here, I now geifs you ten dollar, and I geifs you de same every year shust so long as you votes mit me.

Minister.—O, no. I could not take that. It would be selling my vote—which would not be right, you know.

Brewer.—O, vell, I zees. I no geifs you de moneys for de vote, but for de breachin' and de brayin', ven you means nothin' by it. Now geif me your dictet, and I geifs you mine, and we go out and put dem in de pox, and I teils de beples you votes shust like me; and I votes like you; and de next dime dem vinens come round, I geifs lots of moneys for de breachin' and de brayin'.

At a Convention of Prohibitionists of Camden county, held in the Court house, Saturday, Aug. 16, with Wm. H. Nicholson as chairman, and Jas. H. Batten as secretary, the following nominations were made:

Senator, Charles Bowden; Sheriff, W. S. Capern; Register of Deeds, George Lippincott; Clerk, James Freeman. Coroners—First District, Charles Rudderow; Second District, B. F. Boulton; Third District, R. Cooper Morgan. Assembly—First District, W. E. Townsend; Second District, James H. Batten; Third District, Hiram E. Budd.

The Sunday Schools of the Presbyterian and Episcopal churches went on an Excursion to Lakeside Park on Friday of last week.

We see it stated that Wm. S. Hart will try to get the coming historical "200" to a petition, and run as an independent candidate for Register of Deeds.

Rev. G. M. Murray, of the Episcopal Church, and family, take their summer airings, health and pleasure trip, at the Catskill Mountains.

Rev. N. J. Wright, Methodist, is somewhere by the sea-side, but will be home, as we understand, to attend to his work on Sunday next.

Mr. E. C. Knight, it is reported, has, or will donate land at Collingswood, for a Methodist Home.

Harry Yerkes, residing on Euclid avenue, died since our last issue, and body laid away in last resting place.

There was a Harvest Home at Collingswood, on Saturday, August 23. There was a variety of funny amusements—said to be for the benefit of the Methodist Church there; but, judging from the program, there did not appear to be much, if any of the religious element present.